

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-07-16

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 21, 2016

Effective Date: September 22, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

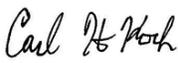
This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident TM059 Tier II moose hunting season in Game Management Unit 1(D). This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Thursday September 22, 2016.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in Unit 1(D):

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(D) 1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 250 permits may be issued.	Sept. 15–Sept. 22 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: 
Carl H. Koch
Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Aerial surveys conducted in the Chilkat Valley the last few years has resulted in lower moose counts; a total of 163, 147, and 183 were observed in 2013, 2014, and 2015 respectively. Although the department estimates the moose population in game management unit (GMU) 1D to be 250-350 moose, poor survey conditions due to lack of snow have been factors in the lower survey numbers since 2013. A harvest management objective of 20-25 bull moose with legal antler configuration (spike or fork, 3 brow tine on one antler, or 50 inch antler spread) was established for the moose harvest in GMU 1D. As of September 21, 2016 (1 week into the season), 24 bull moose have been reported. Low numbers of yearling bulls were harvested in 2014 and 2015; and based on antlers from harvested moose this season the yearling bull proportion of the harvest is anticipated to be low again this year. The objective of 25 bulls: 100 cows has not been met since 2012 and only 18 bulls: 100 cows were counted during the 2015 survey. Due to concerns of additional harvest beyond the management objective (20-25 bull moose), **an emergency order (01-07-16) is being issued to close the Tier II moose hunting season in this area at 11:59 pm, Thursday September 22, 2016.**

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